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1. Indonesia

The army is still chipping away at the Communists.

It has ordered Communist leaders in the Djakarta area to report at once to police or military authorities. The arrest of Communist leaders continues, and [redacted] between 1,300 and 1,400 have been taken into custody. 50X1

A Djakarta paper yesterday went so far as to imply that Sukarno himself was responsible for the current disorders. Our embassy cites this as further evidence of Sukarno's diminished stature.

Sukarno, meanwhile, is doing his best to blunt the army drive and regain respectability for the Communists. His maneuvers have had little apparent impact on the current anti-Communist fervor.

There are also signs that the army may be leveling its sights against Foreign Minister Subandrio, who is still Sukarno's closest adviser.

Former air force chief Omar Dani, who was deeply involved in the 30 September affair, left Indonesia yesterday for an extended tour abroad at the army's insistence. Seeking a quid pro quo for this, Sukarno has ordered General Suken-dro into exile. If he goes, the army will lose one of its best political brains.

2. North Vietnam

Analysis of photography has firmly identified for the first time a surface-to-air missile support area in North Vietnam. This one is some 23 miles southwest of Hanoi and consists of over 20 buildings. A number of caves that may be used for storage are nearby.

3. Dominican Republic

The atmosphere in Santo Domingo is very touchy.

Early afternoon reports from the Dominican capital state that Ambassador Bunker has prevailed upon Garcia Godoy, the military chiefs, and rebel leader Caamano to agree to proceed tomorrow or Friday with arms collection. Mixed four-man commissions are to oversee the effort in the rebel zone, while similar commissions minus the rebel member will act elsewhere.

As a result, Rivera Caminero and the military heads have apparently canceled a military sweep of the rebel zone set for late today.

Rivera remains deeply distrustful of the provisional president.

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There are more reports today that Garcia Godoy may resign. An examination of the many difficulties confronting him is today's Annex.

4. Venezuela

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5. Pakistan

The frustrations in Karachi are growing.

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The Pakistani press over the past few days has featured a series of anti-American articles including personal attacks on Ambassador McConaughy. These attacks, which could only have come about with official sanction, have begun to taper off.

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6. Berlin

There have been no indications that the Soviets will use the impending Warsaw Pact exercises in western East Germany as the excuse to harass Allied air corridors into Berlin. In fact, the evidence at hand points to a conscious Soviet effort to avoid jeopardizing Western air traffic.

7. Greece

The calm in Greece is more than likely a temporary thing.

Parliament will reconvene next month, and this will usher in another phase of the bitter struggle between Papandreou and the King.

The Stephanopoulos government is so precariously balanced between these two forces that it will not be able to take firm measures anywhere.

Its immobility could have particularly harmful effects in economic matters. Greece is encountering balance-of-payments difficulties and there are a number of bills run up by Papandreou's openhanded domestic programs that will shortly have to be paid.

8. Africa

A summit meeting of the Organization of African Unity is set to open tomorrow in Accra, Ghana. Present signs are that only about half of the 36 member states will be represented by chiefs of state. The conference is expected to concentrate on African problems, with the issue of white dominance in southern Africa coming in for a large share of attention. The meeting will probably not turn into an anti-American show.

9. Burundi

The country is quiet following the quick collapse of the coup try. The King has returned to the capital from his refuge in the Congo, and the small group of armed Europeans who entered Burundi at the King's request have left.

Tribal tensions have been fanned by the affair and may be fanned further if the King goes through with his plan to arrest several leading tribal opponents.

ANNEX

Garcia Godoy's Present Position

The events of the past few days, beginning with the killing of ultrarightist Severo Cabral in downtown Santo Domingo last Saturday, have further reduced Garcia Godoy's support to a point well below the minimum that he [redacted] had hoped he would be able to maintain.

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At the moment, the only semblance of civilian backing for Garcia Godoy comes from leftist elements like those around ex-President Bosch [redacted]

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[redacted] Those moderate elements which had still supported the government until last weekend have now withdrawn, despairing of the provisional president's ability to take firm decisions and make them stick.

Paradoxically, while Garcia Godoy's civilian support has shifted left, he remains dependent on the regular military establishment, which is still strongly rightist. The rebels are trying to change the army's political complexion through the "reintegration" of rebel officers, but so far have been blocked. However, the fact that the army has been standing by Garcia Godoy is due not to any enthusiasm its leaders feel for him but to the sense of confidence that has gradually developed between them and the US force there.

The crisis has come primarily because of the collapse of Garcia Godoy's pretense, built through a series of announcements last week, that the rebel military and the rebel zone had been reintegrated under civil authority. In fact, not only have the rebels retained the vast bulk of their arms in the zone, but the National Police patrolling it are dominated by recently "integrated" rebel policemen. Their habits have not changed, as witness the arrest of US military liaison men by these "police" earlier this week.

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The rebel military, too, have not in fact changed status significantly. They are free to come and go as they please from the camp set up for them on the edge of the city, they have kept their arms, and are available at any time the rebel leaders should decide to raise their banner again. At least one group of rebels, composed of frogmen from the Dominican Navy, has not even gone to the camp and remains as an elite goon squad in the downtown area.

In this situation, respect for law and order has diminished day by day. This is less true of the countryside than of Santo Domingo, but the capital is where the decisive action is. At the same time, political polarization has proceeded apace. The rightists, always suspicious of Garcia Godoy, are now convinced he is at least a leftist tool. The less extreme among the leftists are merely waiting for him to fall, while the more extreme, including the Communists, actively promote chaos. How long Garcia Godoy can or will continue under this kind of buffeting would seem problematical.

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